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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and wish everyone a Happy New Year. Welcome back to Term 3, where our exciting topic for the term is Robots, which links to our science, DT and English work. In Science will be investigating magnets and forces, while in DT we will be looking at using simple pneumatics and how they can be used to move objects. Our class novel will be the classic, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and we will use this as a basis for lots of work during the term.

In English, we will be describing the Iron Man, using adventurous vocabulary, writing an original story and writing some robot themed poetry. There will be a continued focus on spellings, particularly some of those everyday words, which are frequently spelt incorrectly. Punctuation, presentation and joined handwriting will also be a focus when completing written tasks. Whole-class spellings will continue to follow the Spelling Shed scheme, with weekly testing carried out on **Tuesday**. Please keep up the great reading at home and taking the Accelerated Reader on-line quizzes. If you have problems logging onto this, please speak to one of us so we can help find a solution.

In Maths, we will continue to focus on the four operations, building on and developing written methods. We will be moving onto the next stage of multiplication and division methods this term as well as revisiting fractions work from earlier in the year. Times tables and number bonds remain a key focus, with weekly testing on Tuesdays. Please spend a few minutes every day going over times tables and spellings with your children, 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables remain the focus for Year 3. Please ensure the children's zippy wallets are returned on **Tuesday**, ready for new spellings to be given out for the following week.

This term, we will have *two indoor PE sessions* each week. We are extremely lucky to have Dance with Zoe (from Swindon Dance), on **Wednesday** mornings, where the children will help choreograph an imaginative robot 'style' dance. Our other indoor session, will remain on **Monday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE Kit (NOT football kit) on both days. Long hair needs to be tied back and children with earrings must remove them or cover them over with tape.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

The Year 3 Team

